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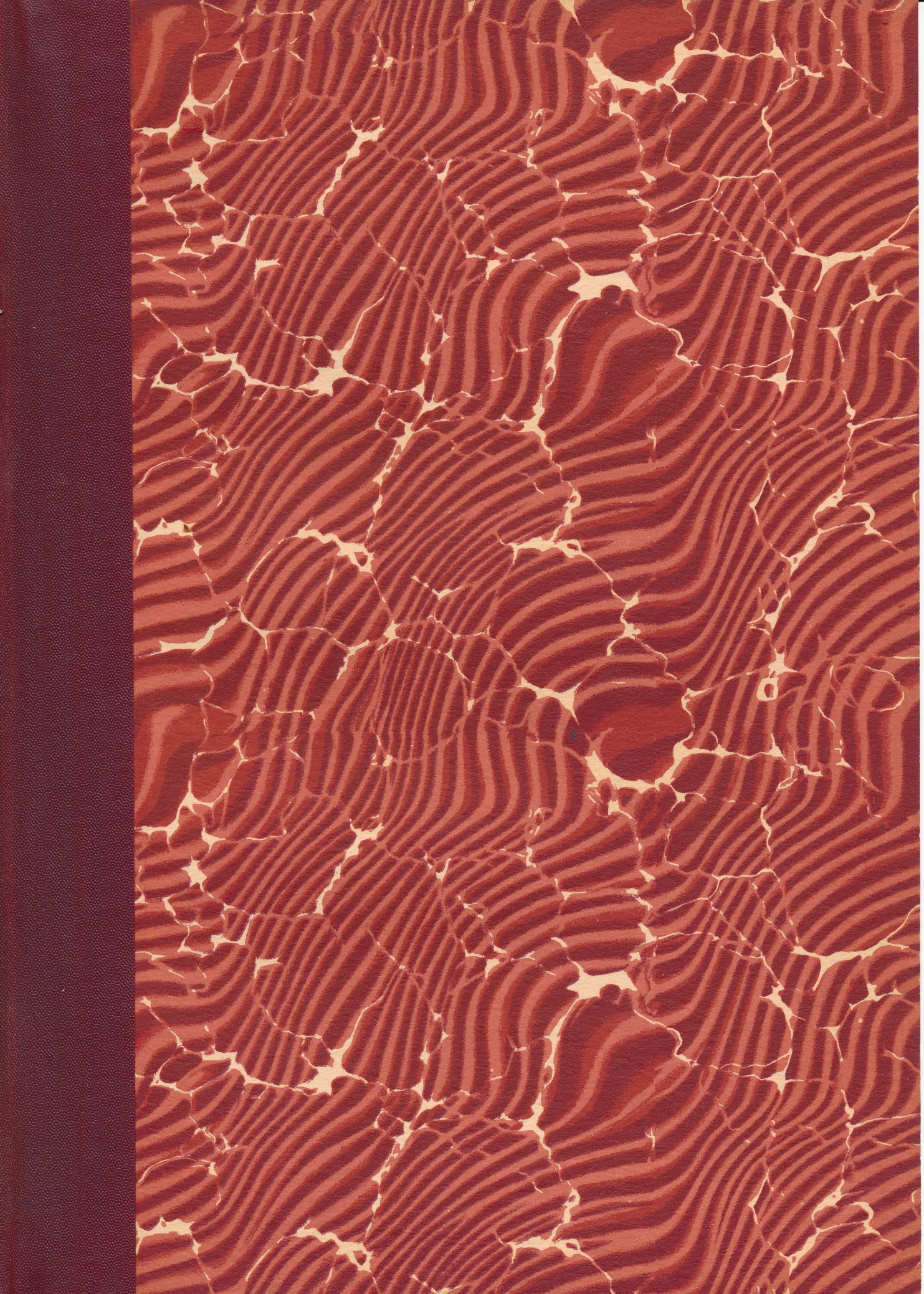
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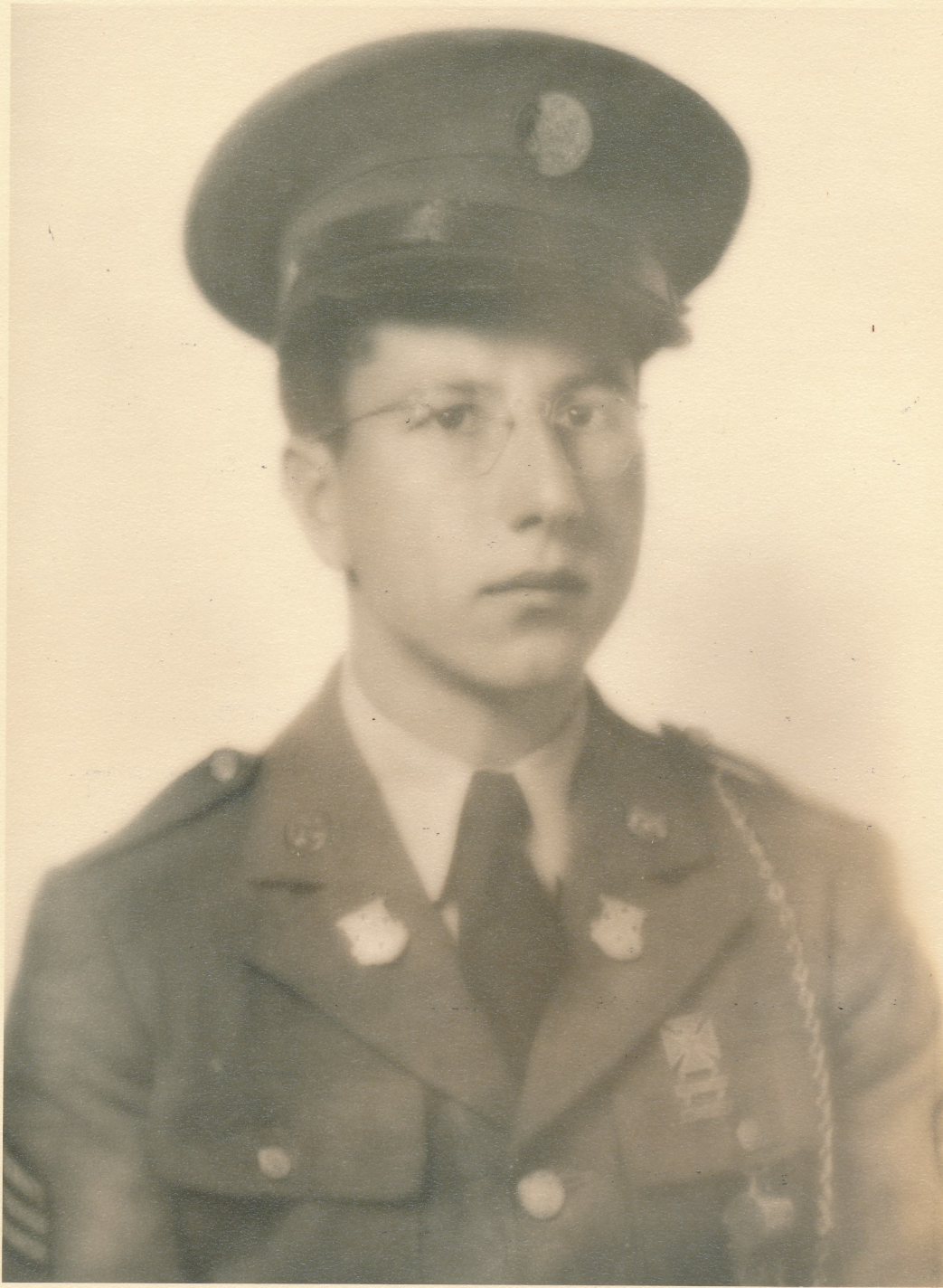
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Joseph B. Lochey







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Joseph B. Lochey was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 19, 1919, the son of John and Bertha File Lochey, both of whom were born in Hungary.

Joseph's Parents

John Lochey was born December 25, 1880, and came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1900. Miss Bertha File was born March 15, 1888, and came with her guardian to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1906. They were married in Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 4, 1909, by a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, and started their home life in a house next to the present family home at 1019 East Vine street. For a number of years, Mr. Lochey was engineer at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and School, of which church he was a devoted member, living up to its teachings to the best of his ability. He died October 23, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Lochey were also the parents of:

Rose Madonna, born September 4, 1910, attended Central High School, was married August 4, 1930, to William J. Metzger, who was born June 27, 1903, and they became the parents of Dorothea Faye, born November 5, 1931, and Janet Rose, born [REDACTED], and reside







at 151 Fairview avenue, Kalamazoo;

John Richard, born January 5, 1914, learned the sheet metal trade with William J. Metzger, his brother-in-law, and left there to engage in defense work at Willow Run, where he met and married March 21, 1942, Miss Margurite Boatman of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who was born in May, 1922 - John entered the United States Navy;

Albert Louis, born February 13, 1921, also learned the sheet metal trade from William Metzger and entered the Air Corps of the United States Armed Forces, and is stationed now, 1943, at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Joseph B. Lochey attended both the Vine Street and Central High Schools in Kalamazoo, as did his sister and his brothers. Leaving school at the end of his junior year in high school, he learned the trade and worked in the shop of his brother-in-law, William J. Metzger, as a metalsmith until he left with the first contingent of National Guardsmen of Company C, 126th Infantry in October 1940.

He took the training very seriously and became a good soldier. His promotions came along in record time. He was Sergeant when they sailed for Australia from San Francisco in April 1942 and was promoted to Staff Sergeant before they left Australia for New Guinea in September 1942, and was up for a commission before he died in action there November 26, 1942.

Joseph was a good son and brother and a friend to all. He was well liked and respected for his







kind, unselfish thoughtfulness of others. He was most considerate of his mother, particularly after the loss of his father, when he was fifteen. He was always a good student, never causing his parents or teachers any trouble. He was a fun loving, joking and witty companion, congenial and popular with both sexes; courteous and kind to his elders and very close in brotherly love to his sister and two brothers. He was so devoted to his mother that he would forego many a personal pleasure to be with her.

His officers and comrades in arms all spoke highly of Joe, as he was known to them. They commended him for his gallantry in action. His last act was made with the same gesture of unselfish kindness to others as he had always lived his short twenty-three years of life. He lived a full, happy life, making the lives of those with whom he had come in contact all the richer for having known him.

Joseph was five feet eight inches tall, stockily built, and weighed about one hundred seventy-five pounds when he entered the New Guinea campaign of war. He had black hair, brown eyes and a ready smile that showed a set of perfect white teeth in his comely, dark face.

His hobbies were fishing, hunting and amateur taxidermy, spending a great deal of his spare time







with the last named.

Joseph B. Lochey was a Christian gentleman who followed the religious teachings he had received in his home and was a firm believer in the Protestant faith.

The following is a copy of his military record provided by the office of the Adjutant General of the State of Michigan:

Lansing, August 16, 1943.

I CERTIFY that the following appears in the official records of this office pertaining to

Joseph Lochey  
who enlisted in the MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARDS on the 27th day of February, 1936, at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Enlisted in Company C, 126th Infantry, February 27, 1936. Honorably discharged, June 6, 1938, on account of removal from station. Enlisted in Company C, 126th Inf., (Inactive N. G.), February 15, 1939. Transferred to Co. C, 126th Inf., Active N. G., October 6, 1940. Honorably discharged, October 6, 1940. Re-enlisted in Co. C, 126th Inf., October 6, 1940. INDUCTED FEDERAL SERVICE, October 15, 1940. ASN - #20634467.

Grades: Pfc. April 2, 1937. Pvt. August 25, 1938. Has been missing in action near Buna, New Guinea, since November 26, 1942, per WD AGO Form #25, dated, February 24, 1943.

LE ROY PEARSON  
Brigadier General

The Adjutant General of Michigan

Joseph Lochey, gentleman, sportsman, lover of nature, a man's man, self-sacrificing, a devoted son and brother, gave his life as he had lived it -  
FOR OTHERS.

His last few months of life were filled with weariness, hunger and strife. The going was hard







and the way was long and weary.

God grant the end was merciful without pain;

That he found peace and rest.

He is mourned by those that remain

For he was one of God's best.











Robert F. Lockwood



R O B E R T   F   L O C K W O O D

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Robert F. Lockwood was born in Fennville, Michigan, May 12, 1897, son of Flora Waldo and Albert S. Lockwood, of English and Scotch descent. He was reared on a farm and attended school in Scotts and later graduated from the Vicksburg High school in 1917, after which he attended Western State Teachers College and Michigan State College. He was about eighteen years of age when he went to reside in Vicksburg.

For one year Mr. Lockwood taught school in Brady township, Kalamazoo County, and , in 1921, he became a teller in the savings department of the First National Bank of Kalamazoo, where he worked for six years.

During the World War Mr. Lockwood belonged to the S. A. T. C. He was an Independent in politics and enjoyed sports of all kinds.

Mr. Lockwood's brothers and sisters were: Ronald W. of Chicago; George Carl, who resides in the Hawaiian Islands; Orramell Bouterse of Chicago; and Mrs. Mary Verburg of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On June 24, 1922, Robert F. Lockwood was united







in marriage with Ruth Marie Kuhn, who graduated from the Vicksburg High School in the class of 1918 and from the Western State Teachers College in 1921. She began teaching in Battle Creek in the fall of 1921 and taught there for one year. After Mr. Lockwood's death she again secured a teaching position in the Washington School in Kalamazoo in the fall of 1928, and has taught there since then.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood are the parents of two sons, Robert F., born [REDACTED], and William Kuhn, born June 25, 1924.

Robert F. Lockwood's mother was a descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Her son George was looking up the genealogy of Ralph Waldo Emerson and found that his mother was a descendant.

Death came to Robert F. Lockwood September 17, 1927. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend John Wirt Dunning, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and burial was made in the cemetery at Vicksburg.

(The above was written July 24, 1936)









L. S. Robinson



Richard H. Loveland



R I C H A R D   H .   L O V E L A N D .

Richard H. Loveland, was born at Prattsville, N. Y., on November 11, 1827. He left his native State on April 6, 1854, and settled at Kalamazoo, Michigan, where, and in the vicinity, he has since continued to reside. He was first employed on the farm of James C. Cobb, a gentleman whom he had worked for in the east. He next found employment in the city at the Kalamazoo House as porter. In 1857 he embarked in the livery business, which he continued prosperously several years. Everyone knew and spoke well of Dick Loveland, as they called him. He was known as the most prominent livery man in the city. He also had in connection with his livery, the undertaking business, but finally sold out that. In 1859 he was married to Maria, the fourth daughter of Edwin and Harriet Wilson, who was born at Brighton, Michigan, October 13, 1838. Her father was a prominent brick-layer there. They were married at Marshall, Michigan, and on coming to Kalamazoo boarded at the Neal House, her husband's business being in the rear of the hotel.

To this union were born six children. Nellie, born August 1, 1860. Mary Frances, born January 18,







1864, and married Herber W. Coddington. Laura Ann, born October 27, 1866; Willie McCourtie, born September 26, 1868 and married Adah M. Cook; Gertrude Maria, born October 26, 1877; and Richard Hubbard, Jr., born December 21, 1879 and died October 25, 1933.

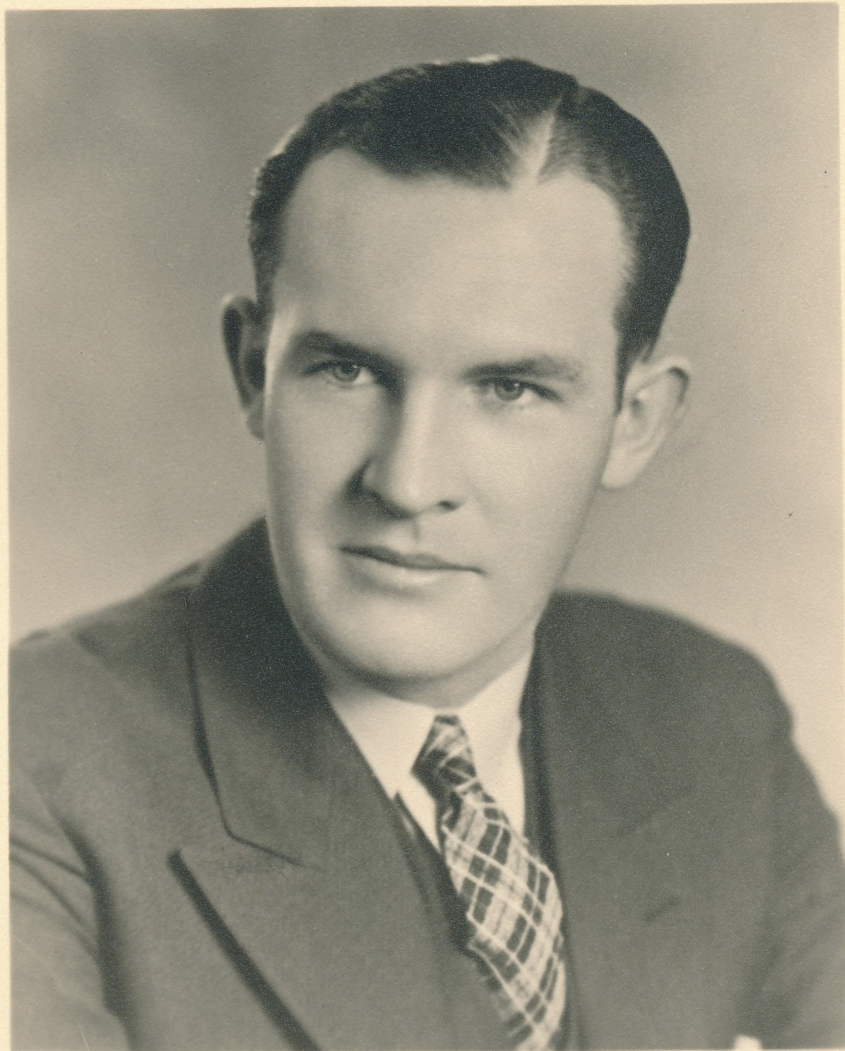
Miss Nellie Loveland who died on January 4, 1931, and who prepared for us her father's family record, was a cashier in a prominent dry goods house, in Kalamazoo for many years. Her father and mother and brother Will, as well as herself, were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Will departed this life on June 5, 1931.

Richard H. Loveland died December 21, 1901.











Walter Dennis Lynn



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A man's life is of more consequence than his death. So the life of Walter Lynn, short though it was in terms of years, was a worth while life, full of interest for the present and of promise for the future.

Walter Dennis Lynn was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 4, 1911, the son of George Francis Lynn, formerly of Port Huron, Michigan, and Alice Walsh Lynn, whose home was in Cleveland. Both families were of Irish origin. Walter had one sister, Mary Ellen, and one brother, George Francis, who married Ruth Kent and became the father of Grace Marie and resides in Buffalo, New York.

The Lynns made their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where the children grew to manhood and womanhood. There Walter attended parochial school and Cathedral Latin, a high school for boys. During school years Walter worked on the docks along the Lake Erie water front. After finishing school he secured a position with the Garlock Packing Company and was their youngest salesman. He worked with







this company for a number of years and after he had learned the business, he was given the Toledo and Detroit territory. In 1939 he was transferred to the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo area and made his headquarters in Kalamazoo.

It was here that he met Miss Lodema Erskine of Battle Creek, Michigan. She was the daughter of Almon and Ella Messenger Erskine, both of whom were born in Michigan, his ancestry being Scotch-Irish and hers French and English. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine were: Madge, who married Hugh Johnson, became the mother of Grant and resides at the time of this writing in 1943 in Kalamazoo; Kenneth, who married Luella Nelson and is in the United States Navy, stationed at Detroit.

Lodema Erskine attended Lincoln School No. Ten in Battle Creek, after which she entered St. Camillus School of Nursing at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo and was graduated in 1938. She was married to Walter Dennis Lynn October 17, 1941, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marshall, Michigan, the Reverend Father Renkes officiating. The young couple began housekeeping in Kalamazoo.

September 21, 1942, Walter enlisted in the United States Navy and was sent to the Great Lakes







Training Station with a rating of First Class Seaman. Shortly after his enlistment he was stricken with pneumonia and in four weeks was mustered out of this life October 26, 1942. Funeral services were conducted in Cleveland, Ohio, his native city, by the Reverend Father Heffernan and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Walter Dennis Lynn was a member of St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Kalamazoo and belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the National Association of Power Engineers.

His special hobby was making model boats in which he displayed his engineering skill, shaping each part with meticulous care. He devoted his leisure time to this fascinating work and even installed batteries for power to make them run.

Walter was a man's man and was admired and respected by men in all walks of life. He was a good mixer, a good conversationalist and loved people. His employers found him to be industrious and dependable, with an engaging manner that won friends, both for his company and for himself.

He was fond of music and as a boy had played in the high school band was a member of the boys' choir in his church. He enjoyed reading books of







adventure and travel. He liked reading matter that instructed while it entertained.

To the home which he founded with his bride just one year before his death, Walter brought the truest devotion and the highest ideals. His unfailing tenderness warmed the hearth fires, making home a pleasant place in which to live.

Clean in his manhood, fun-loving, generous and kindly in spirit, Walter Lynn lived and died. The memory of his sterling qualities and selfless devotion remains in the hearts of those whose lives he touched.

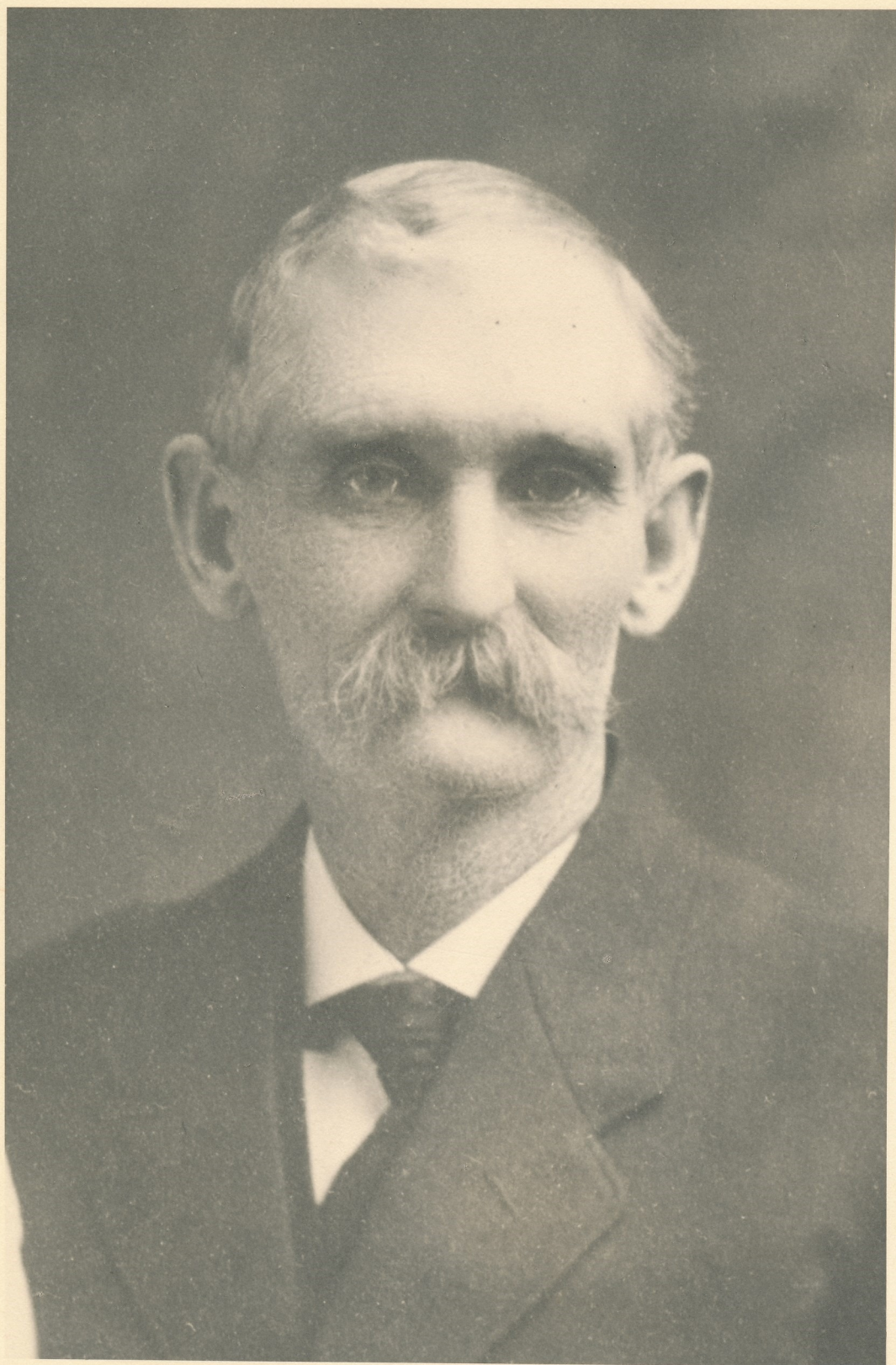






James Lyons











Mrs. James Lyons

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J A M E S   L Y O N S

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James Lyons was born between St. Martine and Borhornway, Quebec, Canada, about thirty miles from Montreal between the St. Lawrence and the Shataga rivers, October 8, 1855, the son of John and Jane Wright Mailand Lyons.

James Lyons' maternal grand father was a Presbyterian minister. James's grandparents fled from France when all who did not join the church were to be beheaded and went to Ireland where they were drowned when a wagon overturned while they were fording a stream. James's father, John Lyons, migrated to Canada when he was fifteen years of age.

James attended for a time a French school, but for the most part he was educated in an English school in Borhornway. At the age of seventeen he left Canada and went to Wapella, Illinois, where he worked on a farm.

At the age of twenty he went to Hamilton county, Nebraska and bought a farm of eighty acres.

January 26, 1880, he was married to Loreta Lydia Hart, whom he first met while she was helping







a neighbor cleaning and whitewashing her home. She was born April 3, 1857, on a farm in Eaton county near the Calhoun county line. She was the daughter of Drayton Hart, who was born at Van Buren, Onondaga county, New York, and Caroline Barnard Hart, who was born at North Adams, Jefferson county, New York.

Mrs. James Lyons recalls that she used to see bears, wolves and deer when a child. She used to play with Indian children belonging to a camp about one-half mile from her childhood home. The chief would seat her on his pony and give her a ride. She learned to speak the Indian language and declares that the Indians were good friends. Her father took them some meat after he had butchered and the Indians ever after that would share with him their venison, berries or fish. When he was ill the Indians planted his crops and tended them until he became well. Her father helped them build their log cabins and they helped him in return. His first horse was an Indian pony.

Mrs. James Lyons first attended the school in Lee Center until the family moved to Olivet when she was thirteen years of age. She then attended school in Olivet. When she was twenty-one years old the family moved to Nebraska where she worked







at her trade with hair and millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons became the parents of:

Frederick James, who was born January 10, 1881,  
married Alma Shelskey and was killed  
by a truck June 25, 1929;

John Drayton, who was born February 26, 1883,  
married Marie Fill and resides in  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons resided on a farm in  
Nebraska near Cozad until 1890, when they moved to  
Charlotte, Michigan, for one year and then came to  
Kalamazoo, Michigan, bought the property at 533 Elm  
street and built the house where they have lived  
ever since, Mr. Lyons doing much of the work himself.

Mr. Lyons worked eleven years for the Grace  
Corset Company and was then employed for many years  
by the Globe Casket Company as an expert woodworker.  
In 1915 he worked with his son in the John D. Lyons  
Drug Company and continued until 1936 when failing  
health compelled him to retire.

He was five feet six inches in height and  
weighed about one hundred thirty-seven pounds and  
had curly brown hair and blue eyes.

In politics he was independent; he enjoyed  
reading the newspapers, the Bible and good books.  
He enjoyed his home and was always there when duty  
did not call him away. He attended the Simpson







Methodist Church. He had a wide circle of friends to whom he was generally known and referred to affectionately as "Dad."

Death came to Mr. Lyons at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon January 17, 1940. The funeral was conducted from the Truesdale funeral home, the Reverend George A. Osborne officiating. Interment was in Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park cemetery.







James Ervin Lyon







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James Ervin Lyon was born in Hartford City, Indiana, July 29, 1873, son of Mattie Ervin and Milton Lyon.

At the age of four years James was left an orphan and he was brought up by his grand father, James Lyon, who resided in Hartford City, Indiana, and it was in that city that James attended school and graduated from the high school. Later he attended the Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis.

Mr. Lyon came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1903, and opened the Lyon School of Music in the Bassett Block on the corner of South and Burdick streets. He conducted the school in that location for about thirteen years and then moved to 128 Fellows avenue where he remained until his death.

Mr. Lyon was the first man in Kalamazoo to be a distributor of Gibson musical instruments and he had the first stringed orchestra in Kalamazoo using Gibson instruments. With his orchestra he played at Camp Custer and at Borgess and other hospitals.

Mr. Lyon was a member of the Knights of Pythias and belonged to the First Presbyterian Church. He







was very kind and made many friends. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was fond of dogs.

James Ervin Lyon married October 19, 1904, Leona Comfort, daughter of Richard Payson Comfort, a physician and surgeon of Nashville, Michigan. Mrs. Lyon's mother was Elnora Slocum.

Death came to Mr. Lyon August 18, 1935.

(The foregoing was written in 1936)







Mrs. Alida Belle Carson Townsend Mack







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Alida Belle Carson was born July 29, 1859, on the farm where she was reared, at Howlandsburg, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, a few miles north of Galesburg. She was the daughter of Samuel J. and Elizabeth Jane Carson, who came to Kalamazoo county in the early pioneer days from Ohio.

In 1876 Alida Belle Carson was married to Lewis King Townsend, who passed away December 2, 1894. They became the parents of Herbert King, who was born in 1883 and died December 5, 1893, and Edna May, born July 30, 1888, who married Attorney Frank Ford and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

On May 30, 1903, Alida Belle Carson Townsend was married to Albert F. Mack, who passed away April 6, 1919.

She was a life long member of the Congregation-  
al Church and was an active worker as long as health  
permitted. She was also a life member of the  
Order of the Eastern Star and a was a staunch  
Republican.



ALIDA BELLE CARSON TOWNSEND

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Prior to her decease in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on May 13, 1941, at the age of eighty-two, she had resided in Galesburg, Michigan, for fifty-three years. This was written in 1942.

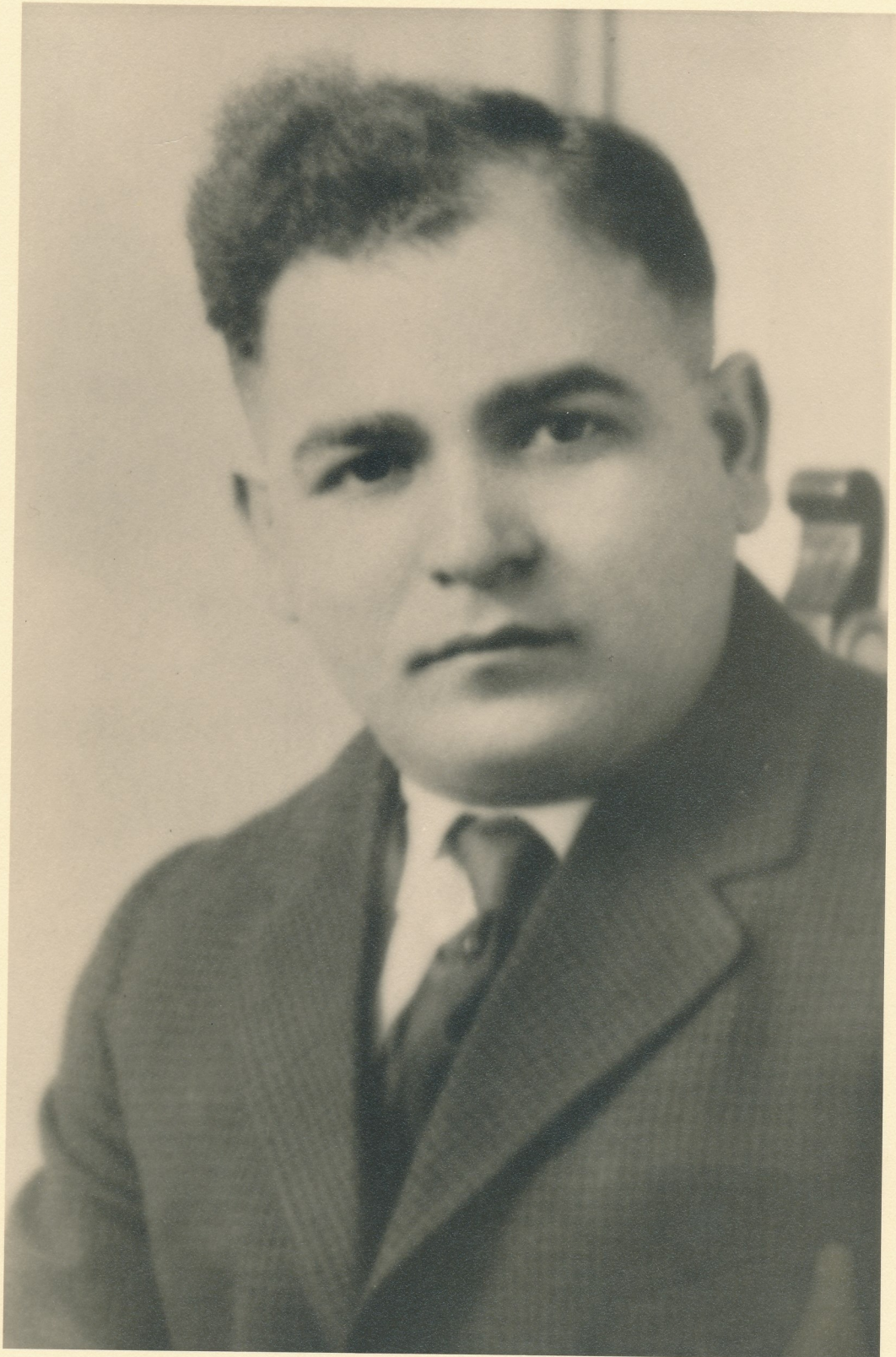






Peter Magas







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Peter Arthur Magas was born in Argos, Greece, in April, 1890, the son of Arthur Magas and Christine Dussias Magas, who were also the parents of: James, born November 9, 1894; Theodora, born in March, 1898; and George, born in February, 1901.

In 1904, Peter decided to try his fortunes in the United States of America, of which country he had heard much. He came first to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and then to Kalamazoo, Michigan. James Magas, a brother who was always a great favorite with Peter, came over in 1908. George arrived in 1920 and Theodora in 1921. Their father came over several times to visit, but always returned to his native land. As far as is known the parents are still alive now, in 1943, still residing in Argos.

James married Constantine Paravintis in 1925 and became the father of Christine, Katherine II and Peter J.

In 1927, George Magas married Irene Calos and became the father of Christine, Ethel and Thomas.

Theodora married Gus Lambesis and became the







mother of Jean. Peter never married.

When Peter Magas came to Kalamazoo he opened a confectionery store on East Michigan Avenue, known as the "Olympia." Later he sold the Olympia and opened the "Diana, " which he also sold. He then owned and operated the "Hub Restaurant" and later the "Crystal Cafe." After disposing of these, Peter and James Magas opened the "Rex Cafe" on South Burdick street and Peter remained in this business until his death, which left James Magas to continue the business alone.

Peter Magas was greatly interested in Greek-American affairs and was the leader in promoting the naturalization of his countrymen. He did all he could to cultivate friendly relations between the Greeks and native Americans in this country and organized Greek-American societies in many places. He was elected Governor of these societies in the state of Michigan, which brought him into national prominence, so that he was often called to other cities all over the United States to speak to and help in the organization of his countrymen. He was instrumental in helping hundreds of Greeks to get their training so that they might be granted their citizenship papers.







Peter Magas loved his native country and appreciated its great history, but he had a tender spot in his heart for this his adopted country and worked to uphold its highest ideals and implant them in the hearts of his countrymen. He was unselfish in promoting thier interests and establishing good will between them and their native American neighbors.

Peter Magas was also a leader in civic affairs. Every good cause had his loyal and generous support. He was a 32nd degree Mason, first belonging to Anchor Lodge No. 22. He was also a member of the Elks.

In church affiliation Mr. Magas was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church and practiced its teachings to the best of his ability and understanding.

Death came to him June 24, 1942. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Reverend George Iatrides of the Greek Orthodox Church and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Peter Arthur Magas was a loyal citizen, a kindly brother, a good friend, a leader among his people, well beloved by citizens in all walks of life, all of whom called him "friend." As such, Peter Magas, a Greek-American gentleman, lived and died.







James Augustine Magner







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On June 16, 1944, Pharmacist's Mate Third Class, James Augustine Magnan, was killed while taking part in the invasion of Saipan. He was hit by shell fragments from Japanese Artillery while he was aiding wounded Marines. His body is buried in the Fourth Marine Cemetery on Saipan, just south of Charan Kanoa.

James was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 21, 1921, son of George Charles Magnan, who was born in Stronach, Michigan, May 3, 1883, of French descent. James' mother is Antoinette De Windt Magnan, who was born in Phlox, Wisconsin, September 4, 1889, of French-Holland ancestry. She moved with her parents to Kalamazoo, Michigan, when she was five years of age, and her husband has resided in Kalamazoo for thirty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Magnan were married in St. Augustine Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on April 16, 1912, by the late Monsignor F. A. O'Brien, L.L. D.D. They have resided at 719 West Willard Street since 1919. They are the parents of eight other children, who are all living.







Joseph G., James' oldest brother, was born February 21, 1913. He is unmarried and served with the Army in the European Theatre of Operations.

Mary A., born June 3, 1914, is James' oldest sister. She is married to Arthur J. De Nooyer, who also served with the Army in Europe. They are the parents of Michael P., born July 7, 1938; Sandra S., born July 25, 1939; and Jerry R., born August 9, 1942.

Helen C., second sister of James, was born September 28, 1915, and is a Sister of Mercy. Her name is Sister Mary Angeline, R. S. M.

Frances E., born July 21, 1918, is a third sister of James. She married Ralph E. Green, who served with the Army Air Corps in this country.

Robert P., second brother of James, was born April 22, 1923. He saw action in the Pacific with the United States Marines.

John T., James' third brother, was born on February 2, 1925.

William B., another brother, born December 13, 1926, is in the Navy.

Richard E., James' youngest brother, was born February 2, 1930.

Two other children born to the Magnans died in infancy. They were Francis Xavier, born March 31, 1917, and Philip Bernard, born December 18, 1927.

All the children were born in Kalamazoo, Michigan.







Jim, as he was always called, attended the St. Augustine Roman Catholic School from which he was graduated in 1936. He then went to Pre-Vocational Central High School and was graduated June 15, 1938.

Shortly after graduation he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and was sent to Camp 2160, Viroqua, Wisconsin, where he served six months and returned home December 24, 1938. He was then employed by the Board of Education in Kalamazoo for which he drove a station wagon to transport crippled children to and from the Harold Upjohn School.

Jim enlisted in the United States Navy, leaving for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station August 14, 1942. He was graduated from the Hospital Corps School October 6, 1942, as Hospital Assistant Second Class.

After "Boot" training he was stationed for a time at the Navy Hospital at Pensacola, Florida, and later at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In January 1943, he was transferred to the United States Marines and promoted to Hospital Assistant First Class on May 1, 1943.

In March 1943, he was sent to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, where he was attached to the 4th Marines, 24 Division, Fleet Marine Force,







Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion.

In January 1944, he left for the South Pacific where he took part in the invasion of the Marshall Islands, his sector being Namur. He was next engaged in the Invasion of Saipan, during which he made the supreme sacrifice.

#### Personal Characteristics

Jim was five feet seven inches tall, weighed one hundred thirty-six pounds and had red hair and brown eyes. He was quiet and unassuming and a most thoughtful son in the home, where his interest in others was manifested in many ways.

His hobby was collecting stamps and postal cards. He was mechanically minded and made unicycles and rode them well. A unicycle is a one wheel bike with seat and pedal and without handle bars. He was greatly interested in amateur photography and in making enlargements.

Miss Marian Risley, principal of Upjohn School, wrote about Jim -

"Jim was a driver for the Harold Upjohn School. He was more than that, he was a friend and advisor to the children who rode with him.

"We talk a great deal at the school about the mental hygiene of the Handicapped Children. Jim really did something about it. He gave to one of our badly crippled children, who was in the doldrums, a new lease on life. He spent out of school hours with him, insisting on, and finally succeeding in making him 'buck up.'"







"After he left for the Service he wrote us interesting letters about what he was doing. And always he asked by name and in the greatest detail, about 'his Children.'

"We will always remember Jim with great affection."

On Tuesday, June 12, 1945, four days before the first anniversary of his death, the Children of the Harold Upjohn School dedicated to Jim's memory a Mountain Ash Tree, which was given by his family and planted on the grounds of the School, with the sanction of the Board of Education.

While in the Service Jim was very much interested in his work as Hospital Corpsman and Pharmacist's Mate, and from letters received it was learned that he often went beyond the call of duty to make the sick and wounded more comfortable.

William A. Little, Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, wrote that they all shared the greatest affection and admiration for Jim. He went on to say - "as his medical commanding officer, I want you to know that Jim never failed to do his duty as he saw it, however great the danger. It was in this way that he gave his life, gloriously, fearlessly and proudly. I hope you may find comfort in the thought that he made the supreme sacrifice heroically upholding the highest tradition of the Navy, in the defense of his country."







George Armand Marot, Pharmacist Mate and Jim's  
buddy, wrote to Jim's mother -

"Jim died, but what he left behind will always  
keep him very close to all of us who knew him.  
Jim was the symbol of Americanism, a soldier of  
his country, and most of all, a soldier of God...  
Three words tell what we found in him: goodness,  
sympathy and love! The love he had for  
humanity, the way he went about trying to  
please. I hope that God in His wisdom will let  
you know that Jim has not died in vain. If  
the world could only have more Jims, there  
never would be any more wars."

After his death, his sister, Sister Mary  
Angeline, R. S. M., wrote the following poem to his  
memory:

"No greater love has any man  
Than he who dies for friends.  
To your death, Jim, your mercy sweet  
A halo-glory lends.

Our faith remembers and takes heart -  
By love is made so strong -  
It hears the gentle Savior's voice  
In the notes of the bugle's song;

Come, ye blest,  
To your rest.  
Battles done,  
You have won,  
Rest, my son.  
Peace and love  
Wait above,  
Come, ye blest."







Earl Augustus Marcy







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Earl Augustus Marcy was born on a farm near Grand Junction, Michigan, December 15, 1890, son of Albert and Kate Wilder Marcy of French descent, his father having been born in France. He attended and was graduated from the school in Grand Junction.

He remained on the farm with his parents until his father died in 1898, after which he cared for his mother and remained with her on the farm until he was about eighteen years old, when he went to the steel mills in Gary, Indiana, and later became a fireman on the Michigan Central Railway, and in 1909, was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer.

June 1, 1909, he was married to Laura Beulah Conklin, who was born December 11, 1886, in Bloomingdale, Michigan, of Irish descent. She was graduated from the Bloomingdale high school and was married in the Congregational Church in Porter, Indiana.

They were the parents of Cleo Viola, who married Cecil Boylan and became the mother of two children, a son deceased, and a daughter Yvonne, who resides with her grandmother Marcy since her







mother passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marcy began housekeeping in Porter, Indiana, and resided there one year and six months, then came to Kalamazoo and conducted a restaurant on Oak street for nine months, after which they bought a home on the corner of Washington avenue and Division street, where they lived about four years. They then moved to Phillips street and resided there for eighteen years. In 1934 they acquired a home at 5353 East Main street and enjoyed this farm residence until his death.

Mr. Marcy left the Michigan Central Railway Company about 1915 and engaged in the grocery and restaurant business for a time and then did garage work on South Pitcher street until 1934 when he moved his place of business to 820 East Main street where he remained until 1939, when he and Mrs. Marcy and Yvonne went to Phoenix, Arizona, for his health. They returned to Kalamazoo the latter part of May, 1939, and he passed away May 10, 1940.

Dr. Robert J. Locke conducted the funeral service and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Marcy was baptized by Father Grogan of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Marcy is a member of the First Congregational Church in Kalamazoo.







Mr. Marcy at one time belonged to the Moose and the Eagles and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he was a Republican, but independent in voting. He was fond of deer hunting and enjoyed farming and was greatly interested in it.

Mr. Marcy's brother Charles died in infancy. His sister Nellie married Edwin Campbell and became the mother of Celia, who married John Cezic of Porter, Indiana, and Katie who resides in Porter, Indiana. His brother Albert Marcy resides in Porter, Indiana.

Mr. Marcy took training as a soldier in Camp Custer and did not seek exemption, but his number was not called. He belonged to the American Legion.

He was kind in his home and loved to take long trips with his family and always cared tenderly for his mother.

Walter Z. Harris, Howard Pore, Howard Hopkins, Nicholas Baumann, D. Nusbaum and John DeWitt were the pall bearers.







Katie Wilder Marcy







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Ida Katie Wilder was born in Monee, Wills county, Illinois, February 28, 1856, daughter of Cephus Wilder, who was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, September 11, 1819, and died May 27, 1903. He was married in 1839 to a lady from West Virginia and they made their home in Chicago, Illinois, for three years when they moved to Monee, Illinois, where all their children were born.

Ida Katie Wilder had one brother, John J. Wilder, and one sister, Bessie Wilder Palmer. Their mother had poor health for some time before her death which occurred when Katie was eighteen years of age. Much of the responsibility of home making had fallen upon Katie during her mother's poor health and after the mother died Katie continued to keep house for her father. She attended the school near her home and also learned the dress making trade and was very skillful with her needle.

November 6, 1881, she was married to Albert Marcy, who was born in France March 22, 1850, and died December 9, 1895. They were the parents of:







Charles Franklin, who died in infancy;

Nellie, who married Edwin Campbell of Porter,  
Indiana, and became the mother of  
Celia, who married John Cezic of Porter,  
Indiana; and

Katie, who resides in Porter, Indiana;

Albert Cephus, who resides in Porter, Indiana;

Earl Augustus, who married Laura Beulah Conklin  
and became the father of

Cleo Viola, who married Cecil Boylan  
and became the mother of two  
children.

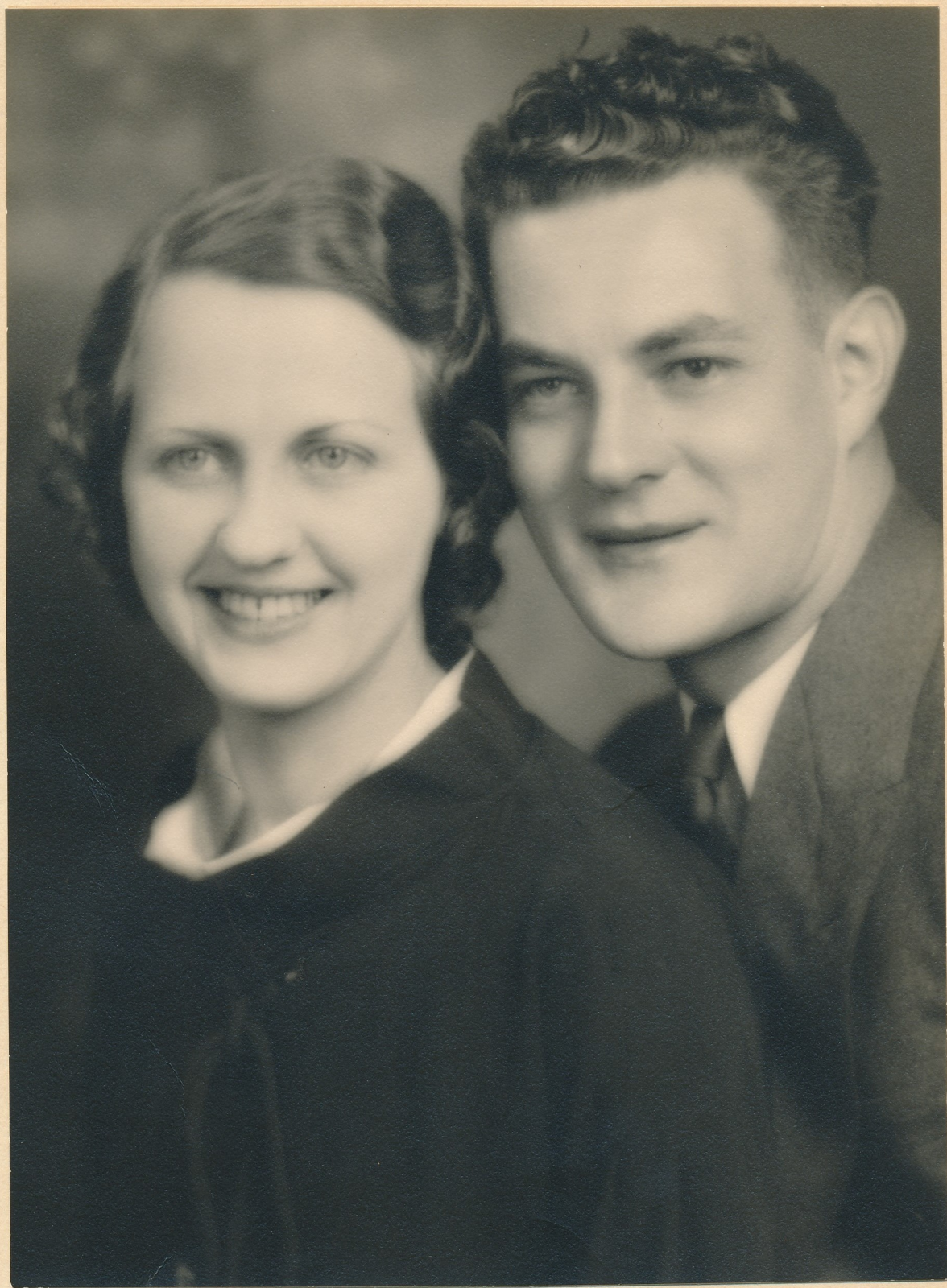
Mrs. Ida Katie Wilder Marcy was a woman of  
charming personality. Her gracious manner and  
hospitality made her a beloved character wherever  
she resided. She was a member of the Congregational  
church all her life.

In 1937 she became a member of the family of  
her son Earl and lived with him until her death  
which occurred Friday, March 25, 1938.











Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marks



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Doris Alice Bero was born February 17, 1910 in Menominee, Michigan, daughter of Alice Swanson and John L. Bero.

Doris was reared in Menominee, graduated from the High School in that city in 1928 and took a course in business training. She came with the family to Kalamazoo in 1928 and worked as a stenographer for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for five years from 1930 to 1935.

Richard Marks was a native of Lawrence, Michigan, born in 1907. He married Doris Alice Bero September 1st, 1934 and they resided 2101 West Main Street, Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Marks was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Menominee and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo.

While returning from a golden wedding celebration in Chicago March 31st, 1935 the car in which the mother, Mrs. John Bero, and Clifford Bero and Mr. and Mrs. Marks were riding crashed into a parked







truck on the highway U. S. 12 near Gravel Hill west of Paw Paw. Mr. and Mrs. Marks and Clifford Bero were instantly killed and Mrs. John Bero was seriously injured.

The triple funeral was held the following Wednesday at 2 P. M. at The First Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by the pastor the Reverend William C. Perdew.

"So sorrowing hearts who dumbly in darkness  
and all alone  
Sit missing a dear lost presence and the  
joy of a vanished day,  
Be comforted with this message, that our own  
are forever our own,  
And God, who gave the gracious gift, He  
takes it never away."  
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Minnie B. Marsh



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Minnie B. Vande Polder was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 23, 1866, daughter of Delia Besman and Jacob Vande Polder, of Holland descent. She had one sister, Mrs. J. J. Adams of Kalamazoo, and one brother, Harry Vande Polder, also of Kalamazoo.

Minnie Vande Polder attended school in Kalamazoo and graduated from Olivet College in 1896, after which she taught the eighth grade in the Kalamazoo schools until her marriage.

She was a charter member of the Young Women's Christian Association and, at one time, was on the staff as acting secretary. Early in her life she united with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Kalamazoo and was a great worker in that church. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and was President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for many years, and was a life member of that society. Later she united with the First Church of Christ Scientist and became a teacher and practitioner in that church. She was always very active in religious work and was fond of religious literature.







On September 14, 1898, Minnie B. Vande Polder was united in marriage with James Clayton Marsh.

Mrs. Marsh, a truly devoted wife, passed to her heavenly reward on April 15, 1935. The funeral was conducted by Clarence V. Brown, reader in the First Church of Christ Scientist and burial was in Riverside cemetery. This was written September 7, 1936.

*James Clayton Marsh,*







Mr. & Mrs. Fred James Marshall







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Fred James Marshall was born at Big Rock Corner, about six miles west of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on highway M 43. He was the son of Wells Marshall, of English descent, and Lucinda Conklin Marshall, whose forbears were Irish. Both parents came to Michigan from the state of New York in early youth, were married in Michigan and settled at Big Rock Corner. Wells Marshall died March 19, 1873, when Fred was fourteen months old, leaving also another son, Joseph, born September 16, 1866. Joseph remained on the home place with his mother, but an aunt, Jane Ormsby, took the baby Fred and cared for him until his eleventh year, when he returned to live with his mother.

Fred attended the Hurd and the Buckhout schools. The mother sold some of her land and rented some and the boys worked hard to help make a living. Some years later the boys bought back the land that had been sold and also purchased more land. The mother, Lucinda Conklin Marshall, died on the farm June 15,







1914 and was buried in the "Hill Burying Ground" near by.

Joseph Marshall married Myrtle Crmsby December 29, 1895 and was the father of Lucy, born August 22, 1897, and Harry, born September 23, 1899. Joseph passed away May 6, 1929.

December 18, 1895, Fred James Marshall was married to Nellie Frances Snow, who was born August 16, 1876, in Allegan, Michigan. The officiating clergyman was the Reverend J. A. Johnson. She was the daughter of Eber Snow of Utica, New York, who was born September 11, 1849, and Linnie Heller Snow, who was born in Wilshire, Ohio, January 24, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Snow were also the parents of:

May, born May 5, 1871, married James Myers, became the mother of: Zoe; Mabel, who is deceased; Gladys; Ray; Idale; Dorothy; and Carleton, deceased; resides near Otsego, Michigan, at this time, 1943;

William, born August 3, 1872, married Helen Stanley and became the father of: Lottie, Leona, Frank, Ruth and Fern, and lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Cora, born November 28, 1874, married William Stribble, became the mother of: Ralph, Lena, Howard, Kate, Verna and Christine and died in October, 1913;

Fred, born October 25, 1878, married Lulu Thompson and became the father of: Thomas Freeman, Vera, Mildred, Virginia and Harld, and resides in Mattawan, Michigan;







Daisy, born March 8, 1881, married George Thompson, became the mother of Irene and Gordon and lives in Hastings, Michigan;

Blanche, born February 3, 1884, married Edwin Stanley, became the mother of Pauline, Maxine, Betty Lyn, Kenneth and John and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Floyd, born April 17, 1887, married Rena Moon, became the father of: Lyman; Wayne, Lyle; Wilbur; Mary Elaine, who was lost in a Montana blizzard on her way home from school and was frozen to death; Gretchen; Eileen; Harriet; and Jean, and resides in Montana;

Roy, born August 15, 1889, married Mable Snow, became the father of Donald, Leonard, Marian and Ralph and resides in Kalamazoo;

Hazel, born July 25, 1892, married Lee Stanley, became the mother of Lois, Juanita and LaVerne and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall began housekeeping on the farm of Orin Snow, now known as the Maltby place. From there they moved to Williams Crossing, where he worked in a Hoop and Heading Factory. Later they moved to Cooper and remained one year, then moved to the old home farm at Big Rock Corner, where they built the present home. They became the parents of:

Fleeta Verlinda, born November 13, 1899, married Lyle Patton and they became the parents of-

Lyle Robert, born November 1, 1921, is in the service of his country,  
James Richard, born August 25, 1929,  
Ronald Stewart, born January 12, 1935, and  
Gerald, born [REDACTED], and they







reside in Muskegon, Michigan;

Aletha Bernice, born December 31, 1901, married Olin Johnson, became the mother of Morton Wendell, born April 17, 1921, now in the service of his country, Marshall Ruez, born December 12, 1933, and resides in Portage, Michigan;

June Elizabeth, born June 6, 1912, married Harold Vernia, became the mother of Frances Louisa, born August 10, 1929, and Bruce Harold, born September 3, 1936, and resides in Oshtemo, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred James Marshall lived together on the old home farm for forty-four years. They sold some of the land and built and operated a White Rose filling station on Michigan Highway 43.

During these years of residence on this farm, he worked eleven years for the General Gas Company in Kalamazoo and for five years for the Michigan Central Railway Company. He helped his neighbors with carpenter work and was always a cheerful and very dependable worker.

He lived to see his children grown to maturity and to enjoy his grandchildren before he suddenly slipped away when death overtook him Friday, July 16, 1943, as the result of a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Percy Boynton, former pastor of the West Oshtemo Baptist Church, and burial was in the West Oshtemo cemetery.







In personal appearance, Mr. Marshall was a tall man of rugged build, with auburn hair and blue eyes. Mrs. Marshall is an attractive lady, only five feet, one inch tall, of medium build, with black hair and brown eyes.

For recreation Mr. Marshall enjoyed hunting and fishing. For twenty-six consecutive autumns he went with a group of men to Northern Michigan to hunt deer. He liked to read and listen to the radio. He was a staunch Republican and had served as a member of the school board. He belonged to the Almena Lodge No. 185, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall supported the Northwest Oshtemo Methodist Church, which their children and some of their grandchildren living near by attended. They cheerfully gave financial support according to their means to the church and Mrs. Marshall worked with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a meeting of which she was attending when her husband passed away.

Mr. Marshall was devoted to his home, was always cheerful in spirit, a good workman, a splendid neighbor, courageous and kind. He lived by the Golden Rule and walked humbly day by day toward the setting sun.







Harry Robert Martinson







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Harry Robert Martinson was born in Jackson, Michigan, May 17, 1888, the son of Danish parents, Elizabeth and Carl Martinson. He was educated in the public schools of Jackson and during his early boyhood assisted his father who was a blacksmith for the Michigan Central railroad.

At the age of seventeen, he became a machinist apprentice in the Michigan Central railroad shops at Jackson, later studying locomotive engineering and designing and became an expert draftsman. At the close of his apprenticeship he was transferred to the company's general drafting office in Detroit, where he pursued special studies in this line of work and then was assigned to the company's Canadian division as draftsman at St. Thomas, Ontario, where he became apprentice instructor and assistant general foreman.

In 1913, he was transferred to Kalamazoo, as master mechanic. He served the C. K. & S. railroad in Kalamazoo four and one-half years, and the last year was in charge of air brake work for the







Michigan Central division. During the World War, he was enlisted as a private on the railroad. While in Jackson, he had served three years in Company M, 31st Regiment Michigan National Guard.

April 22, 1908, he married Alma Tetzlaff of Jackson, who had come from Germany at an early age with her mother, her father having passed away. To this union one daughter, Lyla, was born in Kalamazoo, January 14, 1914. By a strange coincidence the same minister, Reverend Gustave Spiegel, of the Lutheran church, Jackson, signed the baptismal certificate for Harry Robert Martinson, then an infant, confirmed Alma Tetzlaff, married Mr. and Mrs. Martinson and baptized their only child, Lyla.

In 1919, Mr. Martinson decided to establish his own business and so opened his own machine shop. He began from a very humble beginning with one employee and a small amount of capital. His business grew and expanded, until at the end of the first year he was forced to move into larger quarters. It was here that an explosion occurred in his shop, so severely injuring him that a serious infection quickly resulted which necessitated the amputation of his left arm and he also lost the sight of his left eye. But his staunch bravery and courage was







always present and his ever ready smile brought new hope and his business continued to grow and prosper until, again, he had outgrown his old quarters and he then designed and erected the present beautiful new machine shop on Harrison street.

As often happens when one is surrounded with loved ones and friends and life and the future seems full of promise, we are forcibly reminded there is an Unseen Hand which guides our destiny and that our life here is sometimes of short duration. So it was in this happy home, when on March 2, 1934, their lovely young daughter, Lyla, twenty years of age, just blossoming into beautiful womanhood and a sophomore at college, passed away. This came as a crushing blow to these devoted parents. But, again, as in the past, bravery played a big part in their lives, and they sustained each other.

Mr. Martinson was a member of the Rotary Club and of many of the Masonic bodies. He was Past Master of Kalamazoo Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Past High Priest of Kalamazoo Chapter R. A. M., Past Patron of Corinthian Chapter No. 123, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star, and for the past five years chairman of the finance committee of







the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star.

He was one of many manufacturers in Kalamazoo, to co-operate with the public schools in assisting with the employment of youth. For relaxation, Mr. Martinson enjoyed hunting, and he owned a cabin in the Lake Superior region, missing only three hunting trips in the past thirty-five years, and despite the loss of his left arm and the sight of his left eye, he was considered an expert with the gun.

Again he took to designing and this time it was to fulfill his dream of several years, a new home for himself and wife at Parchment. The beautiful new home was completed and he and his wife had just moved in, when Mr. Martinson left on his hunting trip to his cabin in the Upper Peninsula. He returned Thursday, November 23, 1939, and early on Sunday morning, November 26, he was suddenly stricken with a severe heart attack and passed away in a short time.

With the completion of his new home, his life work here was also completed, even at the early age of fifty-one. He is survived by his widow, Alma, and two sisters, Mrs. Florence Lane and Mrs. Hazel







Dillon. His funeral was held in the First Congregational Church in Kalamazoo, November 28, the pastor, Reverend William A. Keith being assisted by Reverend John Perrin, a long time friend of the family and who also officiated at the funeral of their daughter, five years previously, and whose church in Watervliet Mr. and Mrs. Martinson frequently attended. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

The large attendance of friends at his funeral attested to the high esteem in which he was held in the community. His many kind deeds will ever remain a loving memory by those who were fortunate to know him, for he was a sincere and true friend to all.

A noble life well spent.

Written in 1940

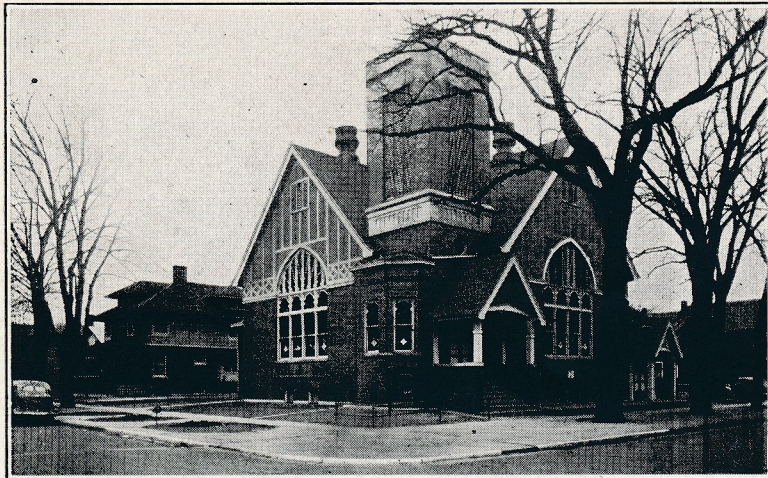












**Third Christian Reformed Church**  
CORNER PARK and WALNUT STREETS  
KALAMAZOO - - MICHIGAN



Pastor, REV. JOHN MASSELINK, Th.D.



D R . J O H N M A S S E L I N K

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John Masselink was born at Resman, Michigan, September 29, 1891, son of Mr. Gerritt Henry and Mrs. Etta Masselink. While John was but a child the family moved to a farm at Edgerton, Minnesota, where he spent his boyhood and attended the Murry County school and later was graduated from the Edgerton High School. He then attended Calvin College and Seminary, from which he was graduated and then took post graduate work at the University of Chicago, Asbury Theological Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving the degree of Doctor of Theology from the last named institution.

In 1918, he was married to Miss Kathryn Neessen and became the father of two children, Ethel and Christopher.

His pastoral record is as follows: he served the Christian Reformed Church at Ridott, Illinois, 1918 to 1920; the Christian Reformed Church at Fulton, Illinois, 1920 to 1924; the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church of Muskegon, Michigan,







1924 to 1927; and the Third Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1927 to the present time of this writing in 1942. He also served one year as President of the Kalamazoo Ministerial Alliance.

In personal appearance Dr. Masselink is tall and impressive. His ministrations at both morning and evening services on Sunday are attended by as many people as can be comfortably seated in the sanctuary and his messages are carefully prepared, logically arranged, clearly spoken and carry Scriptural comfort and encouragement to as fine a congregation as can be found anywhere.







Donald Matveia







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Second Lieutenant Donald Matveia crashed with his B-24 plane in the Adriatic Sea while on the return trip from a bombing mission to the Verona Porto-Nuova Marshalling yards in Northern Italy December 29, 1944. Something went wrong with the engines and the plane lost power. Donald did all he could to save his ship but to no avail and the plane and its crew went into the Adriatic. Two men were rescued and one body was found. The Army reported Donald missing in action and later changed his status to reported killed in action as of December 29, 1944.

Birth and Education

Donald Matveia was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 12, 1923, son of Ernest C. Matveia, who was born in Michigan December 17, 1893. Donald's mother was Katherine Heinrich Matveia, who was born in Russia January 3, 1896, of German parents. At the age of four years she came with her parents to Minnesota and two years later to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Matveia were married in







Kalamazoo, Michigan, by the Reverend Emanuel Mayer, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church. This pastor also confirmed Mr. and Mrs. Matveia and baptized all their children. They also became the parents of:

Dorothy, born March 23, 1916, resides with her parents;

Harold, born November 30, 1917, is now, 1945, in the United States Navy overseas, married Billie Ward from Atlanta, Georgia, and they became the parents of Sharon Lee, born January 12, 1944;

Kenneth, born May 31, 1920, served in the Air Force in the China, Burma, India area in World War II, married Mary O'Connor and they became the parents of Donna, born November 18, 1943; and

Mary, born March 11, 1938, resides with her parents. All reside in Kalamazoo.

For a time the family resided in Pavilion township, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, and Donald attended a rural school for a few years. Later the family moved to the vicinity of Vine street in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Donald attended the Vine Street School. He entered Central High School in 1936 and was graduated with the class of 1940. He then entered Western Michigan College of Education and was in his third year when he entered the United States Air Force.

He first enlisted as an aviation cadet in September 1942 and was called for training February 23, 1943. He received his basic training at







Fresno, California, and received further training at the University of North Dakota, Merced, California, and Twenty-nine Palms. He then went to an Army Advanced Flying Training School working toward the attainment of his silver wings, which he received when he was graduated April 15, 1944, from the Army Air Force Advanced Pilot School at the Pecos Army Air Field at Pecos, Texas.

Donald had his last furlough in June 1944, when he visited his parents in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He left for overseas late in the fall of 1944 and landed in Italy, where he engaged in combat and lost his life.

#### Personal Characteristics

Donald Matveia was five feet eleven inches tall and had brown hair and brown eyes, a clear skin and a fine carriage. He was winsome in manner and attractive in appearance.

He played base ball and basket ball and was on the soft ball team of the Zion Lutheran Church. He enjoyed swimming and for a time played the saxophone on the Central High School band. He liked music and was fond of reading.

Since he was the product of a Christian home it was natural that he should accept the faith of his parents and become confirmed in his young manhood in







the Zion Lutheran Church, to which he was devoted, and cherished the high ideals which it taught. He faithfully attended the services of the Church and the Sunday school and practiced in his daily life the lessons which he learned.

Professor George Bartoo of Western Michigan College of Education wrote:

"Don was something special....more than just a good student...he was dependable, reliable, and always willing to make his full contribution to the recitation. I liked his pleasant boyish smile, his honesty and frankness.

"He looked so fine and straight when I saw him in his uniform. I thought of him....as a true friend."

Robert Miller, one of the two survivors of the crash wrote to Donald's parents:

"Don died as all true pilots want to (if they have to) at the controls of his own ship.... I'll never find another guy like 'old Don.'"

James S. Smith, the other survivor, wrote:

"Don was very devoted to his parents. . . . In the plane he was always cool and brave. I was never afraid when he was at the controls. You can find consolation in knowing that he was a real man in every sense of the word....You and his father can be proud of him."

The Chaplain, John Eastwood, wrote:

"May you find comfort in remembering that Donald was at his post serving a great cause when his life was taken. We honor him for all he has done."

Donald Matveia, pilot, true patriot and now a citizen of the Upper Kingdom, was willing to serve







his country in its hour of need. Greater love  
hath no man than this, that he lay down his life  
for his friend. All honor to the boys who did so  
well their part to make a better world! Will  
those whose lives they protected do as well?









Mary E. Mayson  
Charles Mayson







C H A R L E S   A N D R E W   M A X S O N .

My father, Charles Andrew Maxson, traces his ancestry back to one, Richard Maxson, who married Mary Goodwife in England and migrated to Boston in 1632, from whence they proceeded to Rhode Island. Their first child, born in a cave, where they had gone to escape from the Indians, (history tells us) was also the first white child to be born in that state. The Providence, Rhode Island Athenaeum has two of the family crests, one the design of a bee and the other of a cross. One of these was the family emblem of James Maxton, Esq., father of Richard Maxton of Perth, Scotland. C. M. Burton's State history of Rhode Island, in Burton's library, a section of the Detroit Public Library, gives accounts of groups of pioneers, who founded Newport and Providence, Rhode Island, including Maxsons among the number. A monument in Hopkinson, Rhode Island has the names of two Seven Day Baptist preachers of that name, in what is known as the Maxson burial grounds.

Family records tell us that succeeding generations of the Maxson family from 1632, for two centuries, included Revolutionary War heroes, clergymen, many teachers, tradesmen and farmers, until







Levi S. Maxson, grandson of Minor Maxson (who carried the family heirloom, a powder horn, in the Revolutionary War) was born in Brookfield, Madison County, New York. He was married at Burlington, New York, to Cordelia Aurelia Sholes. To them were born six children, of whom Charles Andrew was the only son. His birthday came on April 1, 1860, and he has often jestingly remarked, that he fooled them all, for of course they expected another girl.

When Charles was six years old, his father went hunting on the Fourth of July to procure some game for a sick neighbor and accidentally shot himself. He lived but twenty-four hours, leaving a wife and five children in poor circumstances. At eleven years of age, after having had meagre schooling in the country, my father began his business career by working in a general store at Cooperstown, New York, for his mother's brother, George W. Sholes. This historic town, home of James Fennimore Cooper, of Beedle, the famous dime novel publisher and of Doubleday, originator of baseball, was a source of unfailing interest to the lively youngster. The years following were spent clerking in a book store in Cooperstown, during the trial of Henry Ward Beecher, (known as the Beecher-Tilden scandal) and working for a nurseryman part time, for four years, interspersed







with school. When he was sixteen, he came to Detroit to take a position with his brother-in-law, Frank McCrea, who was a nursery dealer and landscape gardener. From twenty-one to thirty-one years, he was employed in the American Exchange National Bank of Detroit, in various capacities. In his spare time, he loaned money for wealthy men on commercial paper and had agents on the road, selling nursery stock. His vacations were spent delivering the stock.

At the age of twenty-three years, he married my mother, Mary Eliza Cone, on August 8, 1883. To them were born two children, a son, Charles Foster, who lived but four months and the writer, Ethel May. When thirty-two years old, he moved with Mother and me to Kalamazoo, to become office manager for L. G. Bragg & Co. After three years, he organized the Central Michigan Nurseries, with J. Frank Cowgill, S. A. Gibson and James N. Stearns as stockholders. Ten years later, he withdrew from the company to organize the Michigan Nursery and Orchard Co., specializing in Landscape work, with offices in Detroit and Kalamazoo.

About 1912, he started, under the name of Charles Andrew Maxson, to do extensive work in landscaping both commercial and private grounds, in which







he has won an outstanding reputation. Durant Park of Lansing, Michigan, designed and built under his personal supervision and presented to the city of Lansing by W. C. Durant, the Durant Motor grounds in Lansing and the Flint Motor grounds, now both General Motor units and beauty spots in the two cities, the famous Vincent Bendix estate and the Bendix Aviation grounds in South Bend, Indiana, as well as other leading industrial and residential grounds there, in Detroit, Michigan; Toronto, Hamilton and Brockville, Ontario, on the St. Lawrence River, Minneapolis, Minnesota and various other Mid-western and Western cities, verify the truth of his professional slogan: "Making the World More Beautiful". He has been for years a member of the American Rose Society, the American Nurseryman's Association, (of which he was at one time vice-president) and the Michigan Nurseryman's Association.

Business never has been allowed to become the overpowering passion of his life. As a Christian layman, he has been for forty years on the Official Board of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of some of its most important committees. Several Methodist Church grounds have been beautified by his generous donations of landscape work and many a small struggling church has been given a friendly







lift, either financially or otherwise, through his interest in their welfare. His rose garden of six hundred roses, named: "God's Rose Garden", - Charley Maxson, Caretaker, by Dr. Richard M. Millard, a former pastor, has been dedicated to the sick and aged and a "Nonogenarian Rose Club", members of which have received bouquets of hybrid tea roses upon their birthdays, originated with him. The first president of this club was one hundred years old, when she died.

A man of kind and sympathetic nature, his continual desire has been to help his fellowmen in anyway within his power. Though imposed upon many times by unscrupulous persons, he has continued to have faith in human nature. Many who have desired only temporal aid, have been given spiritual sustenance as well, when he has pointed them to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. God alone will ever know of the hundreds of people, young and old, to whom he has given friendly help and advice in time of stress. Like the Christ, Mother and he have gone about doing good, but not ostentatiously, for they exemplify the Bible verse: "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth."

Father has always declared that Mother has ever been his great inspiration. His dynamic personality would have burned out long before his present three-







quarter century mark, if it had not been for her un-failing love and solicitude for him and his welfare. At 810 Stuart Avenue, in Kalamazoo, they still maintain a comfortable home. His nursery is situated near Richland. Their winters for several years have been spent in either California or St. Petersburg, Florida. Here Father can indulge in his favorite pastime of fishing.

He is the sole survivor of the six children, his remaining sister having died recently in California. His sister, Mrs. Annetta E. McCrea was one of the leading women Landscape Architects of this country, having been architect for Lincoln Park, Chicago, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, and the Chicago Northwestern System.

While Father, as a boy, was denied the present day advantages of scholastic training, his keen acquisitive mind has allowed him to acquire from books, great speakers and choice friends, an especially rich vocabulary and many of his letters and writings have been cherished, as gems of thought, by those who have had the good fortune to receive them.

He will not leave a large estate, from a monetary stand point, when God calls him Home, but what is far better, the love and affection of







hundreds of friends. A man of small stature, he has had a great heart, throbbing with love and zeal for the Christ and his earthly children; an indulgent, kindly father and husband; a loyal friend and a man's man, whose niche in the world it will be difficult to fill.

*Ethel Maxson Carpenter*

Charles Andrew Maxson died at 5:45 P. M., Sunday, June 13, 1943. Funeral services were conducted by Reverends Dr. William C. Perdew and Dr. William F. Kendrick with burial in Riverside cemetery. The pall bearers were: Ronald Edmonds, Rush Stimson, Percy C. Fish, Edward Mayo, Paul Barr and Thomas W. Peck.







M A R Y   E L I Z A   M A X S O N .

The life story of my dear mother, Mary Eliza Maxson, has been so interwoven with that of my father, Charles Andrew Maxson, since her young womanhood, that it is necessarily more brief, though no less significant.

Mary Eliza Cone, was born in Rockwood, Wayne County, Michigan, January 23, 1860, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Cone, who had come, as a young couple, to Michigan from New York state. Her father was a highly respected citizen and postmaster of Rockwood, when it was called Huron Station. In fact, it was he who gave the village its present name. He was also one of the '49ers, who went to California after gold. Her mother, Elizabeth LeFleur, was of French and Spanish descent. Her daguerreotype reveals that she was a young woman of beauty and refinement. Letters of hers, written to a dear friend in Detroit, not many months before her early decease, tell of her great love for nature and the Creator of it all. She only lived to be thirty-three years of age.

Mary Eliza was one of four children, Eli, Timothy and Minnie being the brothers and sister, of whom she is the only remaining survivor. When she







was twelve years old, her mother died, leaving Mary, as the oldest daughter, to assume the care of the motherless family. At the age of sixteen, her father having married again, she went to Detroit to become a companion for the invalid sister of Edward D. Foster, a pioneer leather merchant of that city and an intimate friend of her parents. She became a member of the Fort Street Presbyterian church at the time when Dr. Arthur T. Pierson (the noted preacher, who succeeded Charles H. Spurgeon in London, England) was the pastor.

Here it was, at a Stereoptican lecture, that my father first caught a glimpse of his future wife, seated in a gallery opposite. At first he thought that she must be a Jewess, when hearing that her surname was Cone, but when he succeeded in meeting her, he discovered that she was a Gentile too. Their courtship was a brief one. On August 8, 1883, (one and one-half years from the time of their meeting) they were married and started keeping house in the home which they had furnished. In 1884, a son, Charles Foster, was born to them. He only lived four months. Two years later, a daughter, Ethel May, came to them.

In 1891, mother and daughter came to Kalamazoo, where the father had preceded them to enter the







employ of L. G. Bragg and Co., as manager of his nursery office. She joined the First Methodist Episcopal Church with her husband, and has continued for forty-four years, as a loyal member, always interested in the many phases of its work.

Never caring much for society, her chief interest, aside from her church activities, has been her home and the welfare of her family. Her daughter, (Mrs. Roy W.) Ethel Maxson Carpenter and three grand children, John Maxson, Joyce Enid and Allen William have ever been the recipients of her unceasing love and care. To them, she is the ideal Mother and Grandmother, one who always understands and is ever willing to help them solve their problems and perplexities. Hers has been the rare faculty of ever seeing the best in others. Whenever she has heard anyone making unfavorable comment of others, her charitable reply has invariably been: "We are all different." Her quiet but subtle wit has given her family and close friends many a hearty laugh. One night Father awakened her from a sound sleep. He had been in his office writing some article, which had come to him during a wakeful hour. "Charley, what are you doing? Composing?" When he informed her that he had been doing that very thing, her quick retort was: "Well, then, compose yourself and go to sleep."







Punning has seemed second nature to her, and her ability to always see the silver lining, when trouble or adversity has come, has made her an ideal companion. She has exemplified in her quiet unassuming way, the life of her Master, in all relations of life. An excellent cook, a fine seamstress, a wise counsellor and a loving wife and mother, she like the woman in Proverbs, Chapter 31, "looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Written in 1935.

*Ethel Maxson Carpenter*

Mrs. Maxson passed away January 29, 1943.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Reverend William C. Perdew, D. D., and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

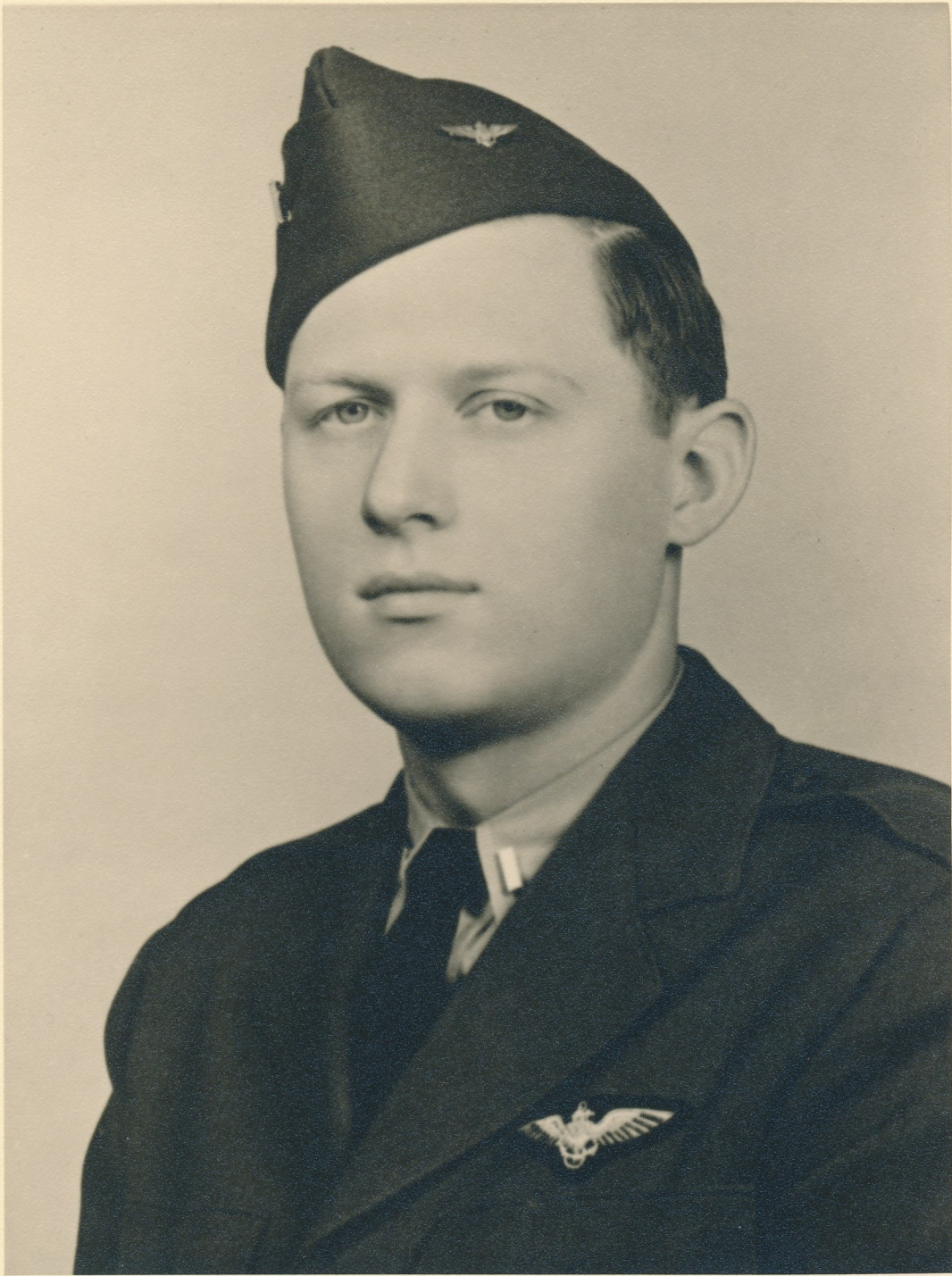














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#### Removal To Kalamazoo

In August, 1934, the McCormick family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Burton Willis entered Junior High School in Vine Street School. Three years later he was graduated from Central High School in 1938, shortly before his seventeenth birthday. The following school year, he and his pal, Bernard Stickel, took a full year of post graduate work in Central High School, selecting those courses which he had been unable previously to fit into his schedule.

Burton's major interests in high school were mathematics and languages. While in high school he was privileged to be the head usher for three years under the direction of Howard Chenery and felt that his education was greatly broadened by hearing the splendid lectures and concerts.

#### Student At Western Michigan College Of Education

In the fall of 1939, Burton enrolled in Western Michigan College of Education, where he studied for two years and one summer and acquired credits enough for half of his junior year. His last year in college he was president of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. He was especially interested in







science, mathematics and languages while in college, and maintained a high average throughout high school and college.

#### Marriage With Miss Virginia Sweet

While a student at Western Michigan College of Education Burton Willis McCormick was married to Miss Virginia Sweet, also a student in that college, on March 29, 1941.

Virginia was born in Mendon, Michigan, on [REDACTED], the daughter of Neil and Elizabeth Stoll Sweet. She attended school in Mendon through the seventh grade, after which the family moved to Kalamazoo where she completed her work in the grades at the Oakwood school, later enrolling at State High School, from which she was graduated in 1940. The following fall Virginia enrolled in Western Michigan College of Education and completed the work of the freshman year.

[REDACTED], Mr. and Mrs. Burton Willis McCormick became the parents of Sharon Lynn, just one week before the arrival of David Lee Click in the home of Burton's sister Marian.

#### Early Interest In Aeronautics

From the time he was six years old, Burton was greatly interested in airplanes and began reading books about airplanes. This interest continued to







grow until at the age of fourteen he found employment evenings and Saturdays at the Municipal Airport in Kalamazoo under the direction of Irving Woodhams. Burton allowed his earnings to accumulate so that he might later take lessons in flying. On his sixteenth birthday, being eligible for his mechanic's license, he began his lessons in flying. He completed his primary instructions under Mr. Woodhams and received his pilot's license, one of the youngest to receive such a license from this airport. Mr. Woodhams said of him that "Burton was an outstanding student, likable and had arrived at the place where he might be of service, when he was cut down in the vigor of manhood."

When Western Michigan College of Education offered the government courses in aviation, Burton enrolled and continued his course while pursuing academic subjects.

On his application blank for entering Western Michigan College of Education he wrote, in part:

"Starting at an early age I have been interested in aviation and have spent most of my time pursuing that interest. Since I have always enjoyed school and studying and since a career in aviation, more specifically, airplane flying and test piloting, calls for much study and a high degree of education, much of my life has been spent in this way. Previous to sixteen, which is the earliest age one is permitted to fly, I worked at the local airport getting practical experience. As soon as I was sixteen







I started to learn to fly. This has perhaps given me the most satisfaction of anything I have done because I enjoy it the most, it is important to my career, and I had to work hard for it, a thing which always makes something seem more priceless.

Concerning my general health during the past two years, I would like to say that in August 1937, on my sixteenth birth-day, I took a physical examination for my student's pilot license and was found to be physically qualified for transport, the highest physical classification given by civilian."

In this application he states that he had sung in A Capella Choir and had played basket ball, engaged in track events and swimming.

After leaving Western Michigan College of Education Burton started an intensive training course to build up the necessary hours for him to enlist in the Air Corps as an officer. He completed this course July 1, 1942.

Burton enlisted in the Naval Air Corps at Detroit, Michigan, and was commissioned ensign September 5, 1942. From Detroit he went to Bishop Flying Field at Flint, Michigan, then was returned to the Naval Procurement Station at Detroit, Michigan. From that post he was transferred to the Naval field at Delaware, Ohio, and on to the Naval Air Station at New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 24, 1943, Burton was sent to Bunker Hill Naval Air Station near Peru, Indiana, as an







instructor and moved his family to that city.

June 1, 1943, while instructing one of his cadets in flying, an accident near the base caused the death of this talented, promising young man. The body was cremated and the ashes brought by plane to Kalamazoo, Michigan, accompanied by Ensign Avery Lett. When the plane came into the airport at Kalamazoo, the aviation cadets from Western Michigan College were on the field standing at attention, the flag at half mast.

Full military rites were accorded the young airman, the Reverend William Perdew, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church having charge of the funeral services, with Ensign Hugh Van Eppe and Ensign Avery Lett standing guard. Interment was at Mt. Ever Rest.

#### Burt's Personal Characteristics

In personal appearance he was six feet, four and one-half inches tall, weighed about one hundred and eighty pounds, had light brown hair and blue eyes and was a rugged figure of young manhood. He had an engaging personality, was an interesting companion and conversationalist and possessed a fine mind. He was serious in his pursuit of an education, giving close attention to every subject which engaged his interest.







Burt was contagiously enthusiastic in living and getting along well with people. His versatility showed itself in his accomplishments. He played basket ball in high school on the varsity team and played with the Methodist Sunday school team. He liked swimming and went out for track. He was a member of the cast in more than one production of the Civic Theatre.

Burton's interest in music, begun as a boy in choir and band, continued after coming to Kalamazoo where he became a member of the boy's choir in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church and later sang in the A Capella Choir in Central High Achool.

Burton was very much interested in foreign languages and became proficient in speaking French and Spanish and a reading knowledge of German.

Burton Willis McCormick was a member of The Methodist Church, joining with his sister in West Lafayette, Indiana, and transferring his membership with the family to the First Methodist Church in Kalamazoo, where he later served as President of the Epworth League.

His life was short but full of worthy achievements, an inspiring example for other young people to follow. It was climaxed by his enlistment in the service of his country and the supreme sacrifice while engaged in that service.







Claude & Wesley McCoy







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Claude Wesley McCoy was born on a farm near Dowagiac, Michigan, May 13, 1884, son of Francis and Hilda Flewelling McCoy, of Scotch and Welsh descent. Francis McCoy died January 31, 1941 and his wife passed away about 1926.

When Claude Wesley was about four years of age the family moved to Nebraska and resided near Hebron, where they lived until Claude reached the age of eighteen, having attended the rural school near his home.

In 1902, he returned to Dowagiac and engaged in the business of a painting and decorating contractor.

July 4, 1911, he was married to Linnie Millar, daughter of John and Mary E. Frazee Millar, Mr. Millar having come from Ireland at the age of seventeen. The daughter Linnie was born at Dowagiac March 27, 1890. They became the parents of Donna Louise, who was born in Kalamazoo, July 6, 1919, was graduated from Central high school in 1936 and later from Maher's Business College and



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at this time, 1941, is employed in the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy began housekeeping in Kalamazoo; about 1920, they built the home at 3503 South Westnedge avenue and have resided there ever since.

Mr. McCoy was very active in the Republican party and served for some time as chairman of the township for the party. For thirteen years he was a member of the school board and served as secretary all of that time. He was ever alert to the needs of the school and ran errands continually for it.

In personal appearance he was about five feet ten inches in height and weighed about one hundred and sixty-five pounds with brown hair turned gray and blue eyes. He was fond of fishing and deer hunting. He was a man of unimpeachable character, quiet in manner, never speaking evil of anyone, inspiring confidence in all who knew him. People trusted him and came to him for advice and always found him to be companionable.

He and his family attended the Trinity Reformed Church near their home.

Death came to Mr. McCoy shortly after mid-night March 31, 1941. Burial was in Dowagiac cemetery.







Donald Lawrence McCreery







D O N A L D   L A W R E N C E   M c C R E E R Y

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Donald Lawrence McCreery was born in Paw Paw, Michigan, October 26, 1924, the son of Charles William and Marie Machan McCreery of Scotch-Irish descent.

Donald had three brothers:

1st Lt. William Lester McCreery, now, in 1945, in the Air Corps based in Corsica; he married Marjorie Callari and they became the parents of Donald William and their residence is 843 Bryant street, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Richard Elsworth McCreery, whose twin brother died in infancy, resides in Kalamazoo; and

Charles Stanley McCreery, who resides with his parents in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

While Donald was yet quite small the family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and he attended and was graduated from the Parchment Junior High School about 1940.

After his graduation from Junior High School Donald worked with the National Youth Administration and in Kindleberger Park and then in the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment print shop, being employed in the last named place from September 1942 until March 1943, when he was inducted into the service







of his country.

March 13, 1943, Donald Lawrence McCreery was married to Beverly Margaret Cree, of Parchment, Michigan, who was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, [REDACTED], daughter of Daniel L., and Clara M. Hetrick Cree. Beverly has one brother, Dale Robert, who resides with his parents and attends Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Beverly attended the Parchment schools through the sixth grade and then went to Lincoln Junior High School and was graduated from Central High School in 1942, after which she attended Western Michigan College of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawrence McCreery became the parents of Dayne Marlene who was born [REDACTED], but the father never saw her.

Donald was inducted into the military service March 22, 1943, and went to Camp Hood, Texas, where he remained until July 1943, and then went to Camp Pickett, Virginia, with the Cavalry Reconnaissance. He then came home and then returned to Camp Pickett after which he was sent to New England to embarkation port, where he joined the 2nd Volunteer Ranger Battalion of the Infantry.

From October 1943 until D-day, June 6, 1944 Private First Class Donald Lawrence McCreery was







stationed in England. He was killed in action in Germany December 8, 1944. He received the Presidential citation for outstanding performance of duty in the Normandy invasion and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart which was received by Mrs. McCreery February 10, 1945.

#### Personal Characteristics

Donald took an active interest in athletics and competed in track, tumbling and tennis and golf. He belonged to the Parchment Home Work for Boys club and served as an apprentice in the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment print shop.

In personal appearance he was five feet, ten inches tall and weighed about one hundred forty-five pounds. He had reddish blonde hair and gray green eyes.

He was quiet and reserved, but was sociable and made many friends. In politics, he was independent and attended The Methodist Church.

Donald was mechanically minded and enjoyed taking automobiles apart and putting them together again. He liked to drive them too and he and Mrs. McCreery took trips to Chicago, the Great Lakes and other places.

He was the seventh boy formerly employed by the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company to be







killed in action.

Donald Lawrence McCreery, honored by the President of the United States for outstanding performance in the Normandy invasion and awarded the Purple Heart, Kalamazoo and Parchment add their tribute to another of their sons who have made the supreme sacrifice for that better world for which millions pray!









*James M. O'Donnell*







J A M E S   A L B U N   M c D O W E L L

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James Alburn McDowell was the ninth child to be born into the family of nine sons and three daughters of Sarah E. Fisher (1821-1906) and James McDowell (1819-1878) of Williams Center, Williams County, Ohio. James made his appearance in the family on May 18, 1865, at the time when his oldest brother, Rinaldro was still serving his country in the closing months of the Civil War. His two next older brothers, Fowler and Horatio (Rush) were also grown and were living away from the parental roof (Rush having gone to the lumber regions of Northern Michigan). However there were three brothers and two sisters still in the home upon James' arrival. In the next several years two more brothers and another sister came into the family.

The father, at the time of James' birth, was an owner of a sawmill in Williams Center, and when not occupied with the mill he followed the trade of a cabinet maker. The occupation of the father certainly must have influenced his sons in the choice of their work; because six had decided interests either in machinery or in the woodwork phase of manufacturing. James seems to have been more nearly like his







father in his interests than any of the brothers.

The father's personality was evident within his home. He was a stern man who ruled his large family with a rigid discipline of a God-fearing fortitude backed by Scotch ancestry.

The mother, of Scotch-Irish descent, gave her family those qualities that helped to strengthen their characters that make for honest, upright and wholesome men and women. Her unselfish, unassuming, tireless devotion to her family made her children aware of consistent Christian living.

The fact that the entire twelve children attained middle age and beyond with sound minds and healthy bodies speaks well for the inheritance that their father and mother gave them.

Unfortunately for his family, a few years after James was born, while working on a building, the father met with an accident from falling that made him practically an invalid for the rest of his life. There had been a struggle all through the years to keep his ever increasing family adequately cared for; and now, with the father's ill health, the family were each- as soon as he was old enough - compelled to seek every means to help with the family expenses.







In 1873 the father and mother of James moved their family to Auburn, Indiana, where there were to be found more opportunities for remunerative work for the children who were still at home - ranging from the ages of nineteen years down to the age of one.

The father's death, occurring in 1874 shortly after moving to their new home, left the mother alone in a strange town with seven children to "bring up."

It was during the time of this sorrow that a woman, Mrs. James Griswold, a mother of a four year old daughter, visited for the first time the home of this bereaved wife. Mrs. Griswold helped to make the shroud for the dead husband. Little did the two mothers realize then that the two families would be related in later years by the marriage of the one's son and the other's daughter.

During the years of adversity and trouble following the war and the death of his father, James, with his brothers and sisters, was growing up with meager opportunity for any schooling. When about twelve years of age, James secured work in a stove factory and worked there until he was about sixteen years of age. Thus he learned the beginnings of a







trade which he followed practically all his life - a factory machinist.

The next ten years were spent in working in saw-mills and factories until about 1880. Then he began putting up windmills for two of his older brothers, William and Eugene, who with Mr. Frank Boyer (who later married the sister Alta) owned the Auburn Windmill Company. He continued erecting windmills throughout Western Ohio, Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan until 1892. Years later after moving to Michigan it was the pleasure of James to visit some of the farms on which he had erected windmills forty years previously and to find some of them still standing.

Up until 1892 James made his home with the mother as had several of the other unmarried brothers and sisters. Other members of the family had married and continued to live in and around Auburn so that the fine family spirit which had existed ever since the father's death, continued with the mother being the center of the widening family circle.

On October 2, 1892, James was married to Miss Lela Genevieve Griswold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Griswold of Auburn. Within the first three years of their married life two daughters were born -







Gladys Aura J., in 1893 and Lela Marie in 1895.

Upon establishing a home on West Seventh Street, Mr. McDowell accepted a position as foreman in the Auburn Buggy Company. This position he held until his hearing became impaired so that he decided to give up factory work.

In 1901 the family moved into Michigan and bought a small farm three miles southeast of Allegan on the Allegan Otsego road. Small fruit and berries were set out. Ten years were spent in farming. Two of which were spent in Barry County, east of Pine Lake on the farm of Mr. Eli Lindsay "learning how to farm" as the family often said.

By 1910 there were many indications that farming should not be pursued any longer by one who had a nostalgia for the whirr of machinery and for association with fellow workers. By this time another daughter, Harriet Carlotto Griswold had arrived (1907). The two older daughters were now in or just ready for high school. For these reasons and others, Mr. McDowell decided to leave the farm. So in the summer of 1910 the family moved into Allegan and the father entered the employ of the Allegan Furniture Factory.

The next summer the family moved to Kalamazoo,







Michigan, where there would be further educational opportunities for their daughters as well as greater opportunity for the father to get back into the wood-machine work that he had always liked.

An added joy came to this home within the first year of residence in Kalamazoo. This was no other than the advent of a son, Gordon Albin (1912) to complete the family of a man who had lived in three distinctly different communities.

From 1911 until his malady caused him to give up working, Mr. McDowell worked consecutively in the wood department of the Michigan Buggy Company until its dissolution; of the Limousine Top Company; of the Railway Supply Company; of the Post Office Supply Company and of the Checker Cab Company.

During these years he helped his children get the education that he never had enjoyed. Two of his children continued their education until each had earned a degree - one from the Western State Teachers College and the other from the University of Chicago. The two other daughters graduated from Western State Teachers College with certificates.

In 1921 Mr. McDowell bought a home on Lake Street in Comstock - the deed of which indicates that the land was bought originally from the govern-







ment when Michigan was yet a territory. Here with his wife, his two daughters, and his son (the oldest daughter having married Mr. Raymond Ruggles of Three Rivers in 1919) he lived the last fourteen years of his life.

It was in Comstock that Mr. McDowell contributed probably the most to the civic life of any community in which he lived. Although he was always interested in and would support anything for the betterment of the community, he identified himself with only the cause of education outside of that of the Gospel of Christ.

While living in the country he was a loyal supporter of schools and held a position on the school board during his entire stay. After he had moved to Comstock he was elected to the Board of Education and served the greater share of fourteen years as secretary of the board. For the last few years he was made President. Because of his sane judgment in all matters he was an appreciated member. This phase of his contribution to the community was completed a few months before his death.

Mr. McDowell's vocation took its toll for his having given so many years to industrial manufacturing. He received several injuries to his hands and







the last one became the seat of cancer which attacked him in 1930. After delaying the ravages for a time by surgery there was a renewed attack in 1933. After seeking relief for months he bowed to the inevitable and death released him from his suffering at 8:45 on the evening of September 21, 1934. He left his wife, his three daughters, his son and five grandchildren to mourn his departure.

The Christian fortitude in Mr. McDowell's life is what will be long remembered by all who knew him.

It was about 1886, just as Mr. McDowell was reaching the prime of young manhood that he made public confession of his faith in Christ. There always had been Christian influence about him in his home. His father and mother both were believers in the Lord and gave their children Christian training. But it is not known whether they united with any church, although it is believed that the father held membership in the United Brethren Church. The mother never made a public confession of her faith as far as any of her children could recall, but her life was one example of a person who read and studied her Bible and lived consistently.

It may have been the influence of such a mother that helped James to move forward as he entered the







Christian life. He united with the Baptist Church and became actively identified with its work. In every community in which he lived he became known and respected for his deep convictions of the truths of the Bible.

He served either as deacon or trustee in the churches with which he was affiliated - The First Baptist Church of Auburn, the First Baptist Church of Allegan and the Bethel Baptist Church of Kalamazoo. While living in Comstock he served in the Methodist Church as there was no Baptist Church. His services were not confined to church organizations. Whether the need was in rural areas or in city missions he gave of his best.

Because Mr. McDowell followed 2 Timothy 2:15 in which a Christian is urged to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," he was sought as a teacher of Sunday School classes and Bible classes in the communities in which he lived.

A friend, in writing to the wife after the death of Mr. McDowell said, "I can only measure your loss by my own, and not only my own but the loss that the Cause and the Church of Christ sustained at his







departure. At a time like this when the love of many has 'waxed cold' it surely is a universal loss to our community to have one leave us who so boldly stood for what Jesus enjoined upon us all - loyalty to His Gospel and its demands. Brother McDowell was a man true to his convictions - a type of man so rare these days when expediency seems so often to decide people's standards of right and wrong."

His deep trust and faith in his Savior gave Mr. McDowell the quiet peace and courage that was so remarkable during his illness.







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The mother, Clarisa Burpee, came from French ancestry and was born December 12, 1833, near Sandusky, Ohio. She had been thrice married before her marriage with James Griswold.

At the time of Genevieve's birth the father was affiliated with the Old Time Mutual Life Insurance Company as one of its agents, and continued with that work until Genevieve was about ten years of age. Then he devoted his entire time to farming and truck gardening until he, on account of infirmities of age, was compelled to give up active work. From the time Genevieve was thirteen until her marriage the family's income was derived mainly from her mother's efforts at conducting a boarding house in which occupation Genevieve took an active part.

Genevieve's childhood, until she was seven, was spent in a home on North Main street in Auburn; then the family moved to a new location on West Seventh street, which continued to be home until the Griswold family ceased to be. Years of childhood and girlhood passed rather uneventfully. The time was spent in the quiet, wholesome family living of







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